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March 10, 2004 Via FAX

Mr. Vernon Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1915 K Street NW  
Washington, D. C, 20423-0001

Ref. AB 33 (Sub No, 201X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Council is requesting an additional 180 days in which to complete its negotiations for the acquisition of the soon to be abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way located between Coulter and Hampton in Franklin County, Iowa.

We mistakenly described this right-of-way in our letter to the Surface Transportation Board dated March 3 (copy attached), when we meant to be requesting more time to negotiate for the line between Chapin and Sheffield, in Franklin County, Iowa.

The Union Pacific Railroad correctly extended the ITC its agreement for more time in which to negotiate for the Chapin to Sheffield line, identifying our application by the reference we made to AB 33 (Sub No. 202X).

We are, in fact, requesting additional time in which to complete negotiations for BOTH AB 33 ( Sub No. 201X) and AB 33 (Sub No, 202X). We apologize for any confusion we may have caused. In particular, by this letter, we are requesting more time in which to complete negotiations for the right-of-way identified by AB 33 (Sub No. 201X). The railroad has agreed to more time for AB 33 ( Sub No, 202X) by their letter dated March 5, 2004.

We are forwarding copies of this letter to both the Chicago and Omaha offices of the Union Pacific Railroad and are sending ten copies of this letter under separate cover to the Surface Transportation Board, to your attention.

Thanking you for your kind attention to our request, we remain

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenana

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